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"God bless . . ."

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POETRY

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE.

All the world's a stage
And all the men and women merely players:
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages. At first the infant,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.
And then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like a snail
Unwillingly to school. And then the lover,
Sighing like a furnace, with a woeful ballad
Made to his mistress' eyebrow. Then a soldier
Full of strange oaths and bearded like the pard,
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth. And then the justice,
In fair round belly, with good capon lined,
With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances:
And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts
Into the lean and slipper'd pantaloon,
With spectacles on nose and pouch on side,
His youthful hose, well saved, a world too wide
For his shrunk shank; and his big manly voice,
Turning again to childish treble, pipes
And whistles in his sound. Last scene of all,
That ends this strange eventful history,
Is second childishness and mere oblivion,
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

—William Shakespeare.
Act II. Scene VII.
"As You Like It."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

One person may throw a handful of feathers into the air, but a nation may not be able to gather them.

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And it must needs be that the devil should tempt the children of men, or they could not be agents unto themselves; for if they never should have bitter they could not know the sweet.—Doctrine and Covenants 29: 39.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

TRAIN up a child in the way he should go. Teach them from earliest fertile years the meaning of prayer. Instil into their hearts the power of faith that it might grow with them to maturity and blossom in their bosom as a force for good in their lives. The Church Primary organisation is a good place to start them on the road to happiness and content.

A Soldier's Faith

By Corporal Douglas A. Camm
Of the R.A.F.

THE author of this article is a Corporal in the R.A.F., now stationed in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. He is the son of Brother and Sister Camm of the Leeds District, and at the time he joined the Forces was Branch Sunday School Superintendent and a Counsellor in the Y.M.M.I.A. Upon reaching South Africa he immediately made enquiries as to the whereabouts of the Church in that part. This article was written by him for publication in "Cumorah's Southern Messenger," the Official Organ of the South African Mission.

TWO and a half years ago I left my native land fully aware that in the country to which I was proceeding I would have no personal contact with the Church. In spite of my faith and my strong testimony, I wondered if I would spiritually survive these conditions.

Knowing the power of Satan and appreciating the result of failing to keep full communion with the Church, I felt just a little uneasy in this matter.

Now, almost at the completion of my overseas service, I can afford to smile, for I realize now that instead of weakening, I find myself spiritually stronger, with a powerful testimony and a faith "which will move mountains."

A number of years ago, we had the privilege of entertaining in our home a missionary, who, having been honourably released from a Continental Mission, was returning to his home via Britain. In spite of the brief acquaintanceship, I learnt much from this brother of a soul-inspiring nature.

Before he left us, I begged him to leave a few words of wisdom in my autograph book. He gladly complied, and in my little book he made a sketch of the Matterhorn, one of Switzerland's highest peaks, and underneath it he wrote:

> "May your ideals be as high as this lofty peak. May attaining them be as constant as its eternal snow. Remember, brother, with the Master on your side, there is nothing you can't do."

Those few lines had a very inspiring effect on me and they have been my constant guide ever since. They have resulted in me embarking on small ventures in which I have been absolutely sure of succeeding. Those lines have helped me through a very difficult period in my life, and I have emerged strong and spiritually victorious, but with deep humility so justly due to my Master.

One needs courage to have faith—the courage that Peter had when he mustered the faith to walk over the sea. If we lack courage, our faith deserts us—Peter lost faith and floundered in the waves. Faith and courage go hand in hand. The courageous Pioneers trekking across the endless plains to the promised land are a perfect example of those two virtues. What terrible hardships they suffered, and yet they had their reward, and today there stands a beautiful city in Utah—a monument to their faith, courage and perseverance.

Faith is an essential element to salvation and it is the duty

of all Latter-day Saints to acquire not a dormant faith, but a faith such as that which led our beloved Prophet to give his life for our cause, and a faith which gave Brigham Young the courage to declare "this is the place" when before him lay a barren wilderness, and behind him a multitude of Saints who placed their implicit trust in him.

Paul emphatically stated that "without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarded of them that diligently seek him."—Hebrews 11: 6.

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ amply confirmed that faith is essential to salvation when He declared: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."—Mark 16: 16.

It stands to reason, therefore, that faith is essential, as apart from religion, it is essential to our daily life. In the event of sickness, we must place absolute faith in our doctor to ensure a complete recovery. In travelling long distances by air we must place complete faith in our pilot to get us to our destination. So in our spiritual life we must have an uninterrupted faith in our Heavenly Father's word that eternal life and happiness lie ahead for those who do His will. Yet we must exercise that faith when once acquired and maintain it at a high pitch in order to strengthen us in times of tribulation.

India is a peculiar country in which to live. The tropical conditions affect the mind to a certain degree and tend to weaken resistence. The British soldier or airman, far from his native land, finds it hard to resist the many temptations which present themselves in that eastern country. Many succumb to liquour, for in it they find a brief respite from the rigours of a very trying climate.

All I had to keep the faith was a little Church literature and a strong testimony—these, and faith, helped me through. My dearest companion was a little book of L.D.S. hymns. I sang those hymns quite often and, in spite of my unmusical efforts, received renewed faith and courage by doing so. Those tuneful hymns have resounded in the deserts of the Punjab, the heights of the Blue Mountains, and the plains of Bengal, and even though they resounded so by my own feeble efforts, they were a great comfort in my lonely hours. Often when my duties took me into a reconnaisance plane patrolling over the Bay of Bengal, I would sing these hymns to myself and gain a feeling of complete security by so doing.

These last thirty months have been a great experience to me, and my enforced absence from the Church has brought forcibly to me the value of faith and prayer. I can state here, in all truthfulness, that as sure as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, and as sure as we have the wind and the rain and the moon and the stars, just as sure is there a God in heaven. He lives and has appeared to man in all His glory. Jesus Christ lives, and I do not doubt for one second that the Father and the Son appeared to man in these latter days. The Gospel is God's greatest gift to man, and it is the means whereby humankind can obtain eternal life and happiness.

Home Missionaries' Page

"AND verily, verily, I say unto you, that this Church have I established and called forth out of the wilderness.

"And even so will I gather mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, even as many as will believe me, and hearken unto my voice.

"Yea, verily, verily, I say unto you, that the field is white already to harvest; wherefore, thrust in your sickles, and reap with all your might, mind and strength."—D. and C. 33: 5, 6, 7.

Every Home Missionary is a part and parcel of this Church, established upon the earth in this the last Dispensation of Times, to bring to pass the purposes of the Almighty.

It is our duty to labour diligently, faithfully, and painstakingly to fulfil the obligations placed upon each one of us. "Mine elect"—the sons and daughters of God—shall be gathered from the four quarters of the earth, and it is our mission, our sacred duty and honour, to be engaged in the greatest of earth's projects.

The Millennium is not far distant, in fact, if only we realised how near it is, everyone of us would hasten to put his house in order, so that we may be counted among the wise and prudent, instead of among the careless and foolish.

Fellow Missionaries of the British Mission, "open your mouths and spare not," and the Lord shall give you utterance to proclaim the restoration of His Church and Kingdom, in these last days and for the last time.

"You shall be laden with sheaves upon your backs"—sheaves of blessings, material and spiritual—and the promises given to every one of you by the servants of the Living God shall in very deed be fulfilled.

We have well passed the mark of 400 and now are marching on and building up our army of Home Missionaries to reach 500 during the year 1942.

Reports from the Field:

"Obtained a subscription for the 'Millennial Star.' "—David E. Gardner, Liverpool.

"I have had two Gospel conversations this week. They want to know more. I have arranged to see them again. I visit all the four names and addresses named each week. I spend at least two days a week on Missionary work."—Alice Preston, Accrington.

"Our cottage meetings are being appreciated by the Sisters from the camp. One remarked to me, while we were going to get our 'buses, that coming to meetings is like going into a different world. I am thankful to Our Father that we are able to make them happy for so short a time." —Edith E. Mason, Aldershot.

"Visited a Sister who does not come to meetings, but has promised to come out again. Her daughter is going to be baptised."—Gladys Goldthorpe, Clayton.

"I have enjoyed my Missionary work very much so far, although I am a very busy mother of six children."—Alice Daniels, Lowestoft.

BY MY ACTIONS I WILL PROVE MY ALLEGIANCE TO MY GOD, MY CHURCH, AND MY PEOPLE.

A. K. A.

L.D.S. Pen Friendship League

Under the direction of President A. K. Anastasiou.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS—YOUNG PEOPLE—
GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

EVERY week the mail brings new names of our members from far and near who are enthused with our effort of true friendship among the Latter-day Saints. Recently letters have been received from Malaya, the East and from Canadian members.

It will not be amiss to repeat again, that among the members of our Church there exists a true bond of Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and ideal relationship of the youth of the Church.

At a recent Gold and Green Ball, it was evident that the Latter-day Saint youth looked more beautiful, more refined, carried themselves with greater dignity, and yet in a manner that suggested simplicity, natural cultural refinement, and unmistakable evidence of the refining influences of Mormonism.

And here are some more letters from our new Pen Friends:

"Will you please put my name and address in the L.D.S. Pen Friendship League? I would like very much to correspond with girls and boys in the Church. I think the League is a wonderful idea. I wish it every success and I sincerely hope it will bring happiness to every one of us."—Miss Tillie Buchanan, 5 George Place, Stevenston, Ayrshire, Scotland.

"I think the L.D.S. Pen Friendship League is a fine idea and I hope it will continue to grow. True friendship is a great thing and helps people in their daily lives."—Miss Sarah Seckington, 49 Duke St., Nuneaton, Worcs.

"Before war broke out, I very seldom missed a Mutual, Sunday School or Priesthood meeting. I can sincerely say that I have missed them greatly. I have been reading the 'Star,' and the Pen Friendship League is the best thing that could be, to bring the young people of the Church closer together."—Canadian, M.5040 Spr. M. E. Bunnage, c/o 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

"I would like to become a member of the L.D.S. Pen Friendship League. I am not particular as to which sex my friends belong, but I would like to find someone who is interested in the same subjects and hobbies as myself. I am interested in Practical Politics."—1577425 L/Sgt. Woodhead, c/o 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

Miss Mavis Van Poucke, 27 Back Lane, Heckmondwicke, Yorks, would like a pen pal.

Members of our League, may we encourage you to take greater interest in each other? While it is the desire of every L.D.S. Sister to write to a Brother, there are a number of our members who would like to share opinions, thoughts and ideas among their own sex.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS—YOUNG PEOPLE—
GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

District Activities

Manchester

Sister Ellen Massey, Sunday School Supervisor, entertained the Sunday School children of the Oldham Branch with a special Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 20th. Prizes were distributed for regular attendance at Sunday School. In the evening, under the direction of Sisters Emma Wynn and Janet Bowyer, the children entertained the mothers and friends with a programme consisting of a request of songs and Christmas messages from the members of the Church and friends in the Forces, plays and sketches were also performed by the children. Refreshments were served to the 70 people present by the Relief Society.

On New Year's Eve, a social and party was held by the Relief Society of the Oldham Branch at the home of Sister Mary E. Wynn. Sisters E. Pearce and M. E. Wynn were in charge of the affair and the evening was spent in community singing and games, followed by a hot supper.

The Home Missionaries of the Rochdale Branch sponsored a social, the proceeds of which, the sum of £2:4:0, they sent to Mrs. Churchill, wife of the Premier, for her "Aid to Russia" Fund. In reply to this commendable effort, they received the following acknowledgement:

10 Downing Street,
Whitehall.

Dear Madam,

I send you my warmest thanks for your generous contribution to my "Aid to Russia" Fund.

I have been deeply touched by the splendid response to my broadcast appeal. Money has been pouring in, and the fund, as I expect you may have heard, now stands at well over a Million Pounds.

I only regret that it is impossible for me to reply adequately to every kind letter that I receive, but, believe me, I am deeply appreciative of the gifts and letters that have reached me from you and thousands like you. Your contributions will enable the Red Cross to send off substantial supplies of the drugs and surgical equipment of which our Russian Allies are urgently in need.

Yours sincerely,
Clementine S. Churchill.

Newcastle

Brother and Sister Featherstone of the Middlesbrough Branch entertained the Primary children and Beehive girls at their home in Dormanstown with a New Year's Party on January 1st. Forty attended, and refreshments were served by the Beehive girls.

The Northern Section of the Newcastle District held a Convention on December 7th, 1941, in the South Shields Branch Hall, under the direction of the District Presidency. Home Missionaries were the speakers at the first session, which convened at 1.45 p.m., the theme being "Service and Leadership." Thirty-six members and friends were present.

Speakers at the second session were Brother Charles Stephenson of London, now serving in His Majesty's Forces, Elder Stanley Short of the District Presidency, and President F. W. Oates of the Newcastle District. Their subjects were: "The Sacrament," "Agree with thine Adversary," and the "Necessity of Studying the Scriptures to Prepare Ourselves," respectively. Forty-eight members and friends were present, and musical numbers were rendered by a trio composed of Sisters Oates, Quayle, and Jefferson; a duet composed of Sisters L. and M. Foster; and Sister Mohake rendered a solo.

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DEATHS.

HARLAND — Brother Charles Harland passed away suddenly on December 23rd, 1941. He had been an active and faithful member of the Church for 24 years and was serving as First Counsellor in the

Middlesbrough Branch Presidency at the time of his death.

CLARK—Sister Jeannie Graham Clark, daughter of Airdrie Branch President Thomas Graham, passed away at the early age of 34 years in a Glasgow Hospital, on January 7th. A memorial service was held in her honour in the Airdrie Branch Hall on Sunday, January 25th. Tributes to this faithful Sister were paid by District President A. B. McGowan and Sister Ethel Hosie, Glasgow Branch Relief Society President.

CRAVEN — Brother John Craven of the Leeds Branch passed away on January 10th, 1942, at the age of 25 years. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Fred Laycock on January 13th. Interment took place at the Bramley Cemetery, Leeds, and Elder Harry Lacycock dedicated the grave.

HURRELL — Brother Albert Hurrell died suddenly on January 4th, 1942, at the age of 59 years. He was buried at Creswell, near Worksop, on January 7th. He was for many years a very active member of the South Shields Branch, and moved, for health reasons, to the Lowestoft Branch only a few years back. He bore a very strong testimony of the Gospel and will be remembered for his industry in the Newcastle District as the publisher of a little monthly pamphlet, "The Messenger," which contained Priesthood messages and Auxiliary guidance for the Saints.

PERSONALS

FELVUS-KIRK—The marriage of Sister Lucy Felvus to Brother Albert Kirk took place in the Bradford Chapel of the Church on December 29th, 1941. Both are members of the Bradford Branch, and they were married by Elder George Pitts, former part time Missionary in London, now serving in H.M. Forces. The bride was given away by her father, Brother Ernest Felvus, and the best man was Mr. William Kirk, brother of the bridegroom. The bride was dressed in white satin and the bridesmaids wore mauve. Brother Leslie Weatherill assisted at the organ, and a vocal solo was rendered by Sister Florence Dennis. The bridegroom is serving in the R.A.F.

MARTIN-RICHARDSON — Sister Margaret Mills Martin was married to Pte. Matthew S. Richardson of the R.A.M.C. on December 26th, 1941. The ceremony took place in the Public Hall, Blackridge, West Lothian, and President Andrew B. McGowan of the Scottish District officiated. Sister Martin is a member of the Airdrie Branch, and Pte. Richardson is from Newcastle. "I'll walk beside you" was sung by Sisters Anne Bannatyne and Dinah Ferguson during the ceremony. Over 150 guests sat down to a splendid supper after the marriage. This was the first time a Latter-day Saint wedding had been witnessed in this part of the country, and it caused some local interest.

SHORT—David was the name given to the infant son of Brother and Sister Albert Short of the West Hartlepool Branch, in a blessing given by Elder Stanley Short, on Sunday, January 4th, 1942. The child was born on December 12th, 1941. Brother Short, the father, is serving in H.M. Forces in the Middle East.

DUNN—Sister Doris Adams Dunn gave birth to a daughter on January 8th, 1942. She is the wife of Elder Leslie Dunn of the Staffordshire Branch. The child has been subsequently blessed and given the names of Elaine Ann.

BROWN—A daughter was born to Sister and Brother Henry Brown on 22nd October, 1941. The child was blessed on Sunday, January 25th, 1942, and given the names of Beatrice Ann, in the Mansfield Branch Hall, by Elder Alfred H. Hewerdine.

PALMER—The infant daughter of Brother and Sister Victor Palmer of the Gravesend Branch, was blessed by her father on Sunday, January 4th, and given the names of Ruth May.

STOLWORTHY — Sister Agnes Stolworthy, formerly Sister Agnes Bourne of the Liverpool District, gave birth to a daughter on the 2nd November, 1941, at Idaho Falls, U.S.A. Sister Bourne married Elder Thomas Stolworthy, a former American Missionary to this land.

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EDITORIAL

Talking It Over

THE greatest gift of God to man is that of Free-agency How often have we been ridiculed for preaching such a doctrine. Yet the continual cry of humanity is to be free. During the terrible period towards the end of the 18th century, the poor and down trodden of the French nation arose as one man, and, under the banner of the tricolour, with a united voice crying: "Liberte! Equalite! Fraternite!" perpetrated the vilest crimes, that they might be free. Thus it has been for centuries. Revolutions, bloodless and bloody, wars, won and lost by mighty powers, are now history. Millions have perished, millions have starved; nations have changed hands; ensigns have been raised and torn down—all of it that men might be free.

Today we are engaged in the task of overthrowing the power held by one man. We are in this age considered (by ourselves) highly civilised. This generation has produced a giant who has set out on a conquering march (as others have done—Alexander; Napoleon), his loudly shouted cause being "to liberate Europe," to make the peoples of his continent free. A new culture is to come into being, a new government, a new order. From what has already transpired, that bubble is blown. We know it now to be a doctrine of greed and lust and lying, and that the ultimate outcome of such a crusade, if successful, would be the subjection of all races to one. This is the state of civilisation that has been achieved. Still we FIGHT for freedom.

In conversation with a companion recently, we despondently viewed the world situation on these premises. He said to me: "I suppose that after we are all spent and exhausted and hopelessly in debt to one another, when millions more have died for glory, someone will say, 'Well, what about sitting down and talking it over.'" Perhaps someone will. Perhaps out of such a conference will come a true conception of freedom. It certainly does not exist as common knowledge today.

We quote: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," according to our Scriptures. Because of our experience in the Gospel and because of our faith, the gift of God to every man, although all do not develop it, we have a considerably better conception of what freedom really is; but our quotation does not impress the modern cynics, of whom it seems there is a profundity. We are called trite "Gospellers." They tell us that our methods will not save humanity. We know that they will; but the salvation is predicated on obedience to law.

The Scriptures tell us that no man will be drawn unto the Father, but by the Son. We must ever pray that God will see fit to touch the hearts of men. Until men remember to look within, instead of without, for the cause of the trouble, no one will "sit down and talk it over." Today most men have some knowledge. This is an age of advancing knowledge and culture. Yet the lowest animal instincts are fostered in FIGHTING to achieve a blessed state, an ironical situation indeed! We fight not even as man to man, as once men did, with broad-axe or sword, but we deal death upon victims unseen and unknown, with machines designed for that very purpose by the advanced brain of man. Is scepticism to be wondered at?

Satan hates righteousness. Every soul won for God is far more potent force than the hundreds in his Satanic majesty's army, for each soul who accepts the eternal principles of the Gospel receives the strength of God. Every fine thought we think, every grand deed we do, every duty we perform in righteousness for God, is a penetrating dart in the armour of the Devil. That armour is not made of the material that can resist such bombardment. Have we protection against the adversary. Yes, indeed. The Master says:

"Wherefore lift up your hearts and rejoice, and gird up your loins, and take upon you my whole armour, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, having done all, that ye may be able to stand.

Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, having the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, which I have sent mine angels to commit unto you.

Taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked;

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of my Spirit, which I will pour upon you, and my word, which I reveal unto you, and be agreed as touching all things whatsoever ye ask of me, and be faithful until I come, and ye shall be caught up, that where I am ye shall be also."—D. and C. 27: 15-18.

Our force is small, our task stupendous, but our faith in truth must be sublime, for only the TRUTH CAN MAKE MEN FREE.

—J. P. H.

AUXILIARY SECTION

PRIESTHOOD

Under the direction of the Mission Presidency

"What is Priesthood? It is the government of God, whether on the earth or in the heavens, for it is by that power, agency or principle, that all things are governed on the earth and in the heavens, and by that power that all things are upheld and sustained. It governs all things—it directs all things—it sustains all things—and has to do with all things that God and truth are associated with. It is the power of God delegated to intelligences in the heavens and to man on the earth."—John Taylor.

"It is the channel through which the Almighty commenced revealing His glory at the beginning of the creation of this earth, and through which he has continued to reveal Himself to the children of men to the present time, and through which He will make known His purposes to the end of time."—T 167.

PRIESTHOOD IS ETERNAL BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS THE POWER OF THE ALMIGHTY.

PRIESTHOOD IS NOT CONFINED TO THIS LIFE. IT ENDURES WITH US, IF WE ARE FAITHFUL, IN ETERNITY.

"NOW THIS SAME PRIESTHOOD, WHICH WAS IN THE BEGINNING, SHALL BE IN THE END OF THE WORLD."—Moses 6: 7.

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD OUTLINE OF STUDY.

FEBRUARY, 1942.

Text: PRIESTHOOD AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following outlines indicate what material should be studied each week throughout the two years. Class leaders should be thoroughly familiar with the text covered by the lessons. At the Monthly District Priesthood Meetings, these class leaders should be appointed to present the lesson material. The time should be devoted to discussion of lesson headings. Each lesson heading should be understood and discussed.

Lesson IV. The Nature and Purpose of Priesthood. (Chap. 2; pp. 32-36.)

Lesson V. The Powers of the Priesthood. (Chap. 3; pp. 37-43.)

Lesson VI. Priesthood and the Church. (Chap. 4, pp. 44-48.)

SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS for Priesthood and Church Government:

Rational Theology, pp. 111, 112, 114.
Brigham Young's Discourses, p. 205.
Teachings of Joseph Smith, p. 265.
Studies in Priesthood, p. 29.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD.

BRANCH TEACHERS MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY, 1942.

LOYALTY.

One of the most valuable and ennobling traits of character is loyalty. A person in whose life loyalty has been a cherished virtue is fortunate indeed.

Loyalty, too frequently, has been associated solely with respect for the country in which a person lives. As a general principle, it includes far more than that.

Loyalty to our Heavenly Father should be the beginning point. Surely every Latter-day Saint understands that our first obligation is to our Creator, and that loyalty to Him is expected of us all. Loyalty to the Church and its teachings should be, and logically is, closely associated with loyalty to the Lord. One follows the other in natural sequence.

Loyalty to those whom the Lord has appointed to preside over us in the Church, in the Branch ,and in the District, is essential to our own progress and the progress of the Church.

Be loyal to your own ideals and standards, as well as loyal to all to whom loyalty is due.

Be loyal to your friends and associates, to your family, employers, and especially loyal to your senior members of the Priesthood, and to your duties in the Church.

Be loyal to your Father in Heaven.

Loyalty is a glorious virtue. In all that it implies, it should be a guiding principle in the life of every Latter-day Saint.

YOUTH AND THE WORD OF WISDOM.

TRUTH ABOUT BEER.

In the "Christian Herald," W. S. Caine tells of seeing over a tavern door in Liverpool this inscription: "Good ale is liquid bread." He went in and said to the bartender, "Let me have a quart of liquid bread."

The bartender replied, "A first-rate sign, isn't it?" "Yes," said Mr. Caine, "if it's true." He got a bottle of this "liquid bread" and took it to Dr. Samuelson, an analytical chemist, and said, "Tell me how much bread there is in this bottle." He smelled it, and said, "It's beer." "No," said Mr. Caine, "it's liquid bread." Mr. Caine was asked to call later and get a chemical report.

What was the report? The doctor said, "It is ninety-three per cent water." "It's liquid, anyhow," replied Mr. Caine. "Alcohol five per cent." "What is alcohol?" asked Mr. Caine. This was the doctor's reply: "A number of small percentages of various things." There was left about a thimbleful of dirty looking powder. "That's the bread," said the doctor," about two per cent. So here is the simple scientific truth about beer. "Be not deceived" when told that beer has good food value.

—"The National Voice," March 7th, 1940.

SMOKING AND CANCER.

A Chicago press dispatch informs the world that Dr. Alton Ochsner of Tulane University recently reported to the American College of Surgeons that, according to his studies:

Smoking cigarettes is a cause of cancer of the lungs. . . . Irritation is a factor in the incidence of cancer, and we know that smoking causes chronic irritation of the lungs, as, for example, smoker's cough. . . .

A steady rise in lung cancer since 1920 was shown by Dr. Ochsner in autopsies at the Charity Hospital, New Orleans. . . . Until then, stomach cancer had held first place in these New Orleans autopsies.

There have been other reports in recent years of lung cancer increasing. The largest number appear to be between the ages of 50 nd 60.

TOBACCO IS NOT GOOD FOR MAN.

RELIEF SOCIETY

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Dear Sisters,

It is very encouraging to receive your yearly reports. Forty-two Annual Reports have been received so far. I hope the balance will be sent without delay. I wish to appeal to all Relief Society Supervisors and Presidents to help me in getting the Reports in, as I am anxious to send British Mission Final Statistics to Zion in time for the Centennial Conference.

Meetings held during the past year show a decided increase. Let us not be content with this, but rather aspire to a full percentage. We can do it, I know. The work is important, the need is great. We must push this work along, and our membership must increase. Seek out those Sisters who have not been attending, visit them in their homes and encourage them in this work. The Lord knew when He organised this Relief Society that the day would come when the Sisters would be called upon to play an important part in the latter days. In the absence of the Priesthood, so many of you are called to do things you may think you are incapable of.

But let me urge you, dear Sisters, to go forward with an eye single to the glory of God in this work, and your reward is sure. Think of the time, almost 100 years ago, that our Pioneer Sisters endured, and of the sacrifices they made, so that we, today, can enjoy and participate in this wonderful organisation.

The programme for the Centennial will be sent out within a week or two, so begin to prepare yourselves by advertising our Mission Celebrations. Above all, visit your sick and inactive members, get them all interested and ready for the Centennial.

Praying the blessing of our Heavenly Father on you always in this work, with love and affection.

MARIE W. ANASTASIOU,
President, British Mission Relief Societies.

GENEALOGY

Chairman - - - - - - Elder James R. Cunningham
Assistants - - - - - - - - Elder Ira Wm. Mount
Sister Catherine L. M. Horner
Sister Hilda M. Woodford

Our aim for 1942 is that the British Mission, through the development and growth of Genealogical work, takes its rightful place among all the other Missions of the Church.

To attain this end, the Mission Authorities have considered what action should be taken in the matter or organisation, and the following arrangements have been made:

1. **The Mission Board.**

To deal more effectively with the work, the Genealogical Dept. now has an office for its own use. All letters should be addressed to "Genealogical Dept.," 149 Nightingale Lane, Balham, London, S.W.12.

Sister Hilda Woodford of South London Branch, as a full time Missionary, will labour in this office, where the Mission Archive, Card Index, Research Library, etc., will be housed. This office will also be used as a Lecture Room, where a short course of instruction in this phase of the work will be given to all full time Missionaries who pass through the Mission Home.

2. **District Committee.**

Every District President should have at some time labouring in his District two capable Missionaries who can assist him in the building up of the organisation.

A year's supply of reports should by now be in your hands, to be forwarded to the various Branches under your care. If you can help us by sending a complete and accurate District Report covering all of your Branches, we can render assistance where it is needed.

3. **Branch Committees.**

Only by your reports to the District Presidents can we receive from him an accurate account of what has been accomplished, and also see what is necessary to stimulate the work in your Branch.

Note: The Report will tell us, among other things:

(a) If you have sufficient Lesson Books.

(b) If the Sunday Evening programme is carried out as given in the "Star."

(c) If all members have filed copies of their Pedigree Charts and Family Group Records in the Mission Archive.

Remember! Reports should be filled in on the last Sunday of the month, and sent to the District President, to allow him to forward his report by the Sunday following.

These are the means by which we will find out what is needed; next month will be shown how we propose to supply that need.

If these plans are followed carefully and deliberately, with the power of the Priesthood to give them authority; the intelligence of the Holy Spirit to make them light; and the favour of the Master to allow them to grow under our hands, **we cannot fail.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - - - - Elder James R Cunningham
First Assistant - - - - - - Elder W. O. Chipping
Second Assistant - - - - Sister Winifred A. Osborn

PRELUDE:

Deseret Sunday School Songs, No. 189, second line.

SACRAMENT GEM, MARCH:

When Thou comest in Thy glory,
To this earth to rule and reign,
And with faithful ones partakest,
Of the bread and wine again.

POSTLUDE:

Fourth line, same song.

Dear Sunday School Workers,

It is felt generally that Reverence within our Sunday Schools is not of highest order. We offer you a few suggestions in all humbleness in the hope that your Sunday School may be benefitted thereby.

Officers and teachers should meet in prayer meeting, to make all necessary preparations, and to ask the Lord for His Divine guidance during the Sunday School.

After this, the officers should sit quietly on the stand, with appropriate music played for about five minutes before commencing, so as to prevent loud talking and other disturbances marring the spirit of the now beginning service.

During the Sacrament, the organist should be well prepared with suitable music, and those officiating should set the example by sitting very quietly with folded arms and bowed head. It is also very important to appoint a doorkeeper, to save the possibility of any disturbance during the proceedings.

A carefully chosen March tune will ensure quiet separation for class work, and finally, at the the of the service, after the Benediction, music should be played so that all may leave feeling spiritually uplifted.

PROJECT FOR MARCH:

Let us observe Reverence in our Sunday Schools.

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

M.I.A.

Y.M.M.I.A. Superintendent - - - **Elder James P. Hill**
Y.W.M.I.A. President - - - **Sister Madeline E. Hill**
Assistant - - - - - - - Sister Louisa R. Lawman
Executive Secretary - - - - Sister Alice Bickerstaff
Mission Beekeeper - - - - - - Sister Edith G. Rees

REPORTS have been coming in much better of late. We are grateful for the response to our messages in the "Star." Will you remember to make out three copies always? Retain one in your own files for reference, send two to your District Supervisor, who will send one to the Mission Board for statistics. If this rule is observed, a greater co-ordination of effort can be made towards a common end—TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF M.I.A. IN THIS LAND.

IF YOU HAVE GATHERED IN ANY DUES, we should appreciate your sending them to us at the earliest possible moment, according to the conditions set out previously.

KEEP UP with the Achievement Programme. It will benefit your M.I.A. It will be our pleasure to make those Awards when the time comes.

Try to present each monthly event as suggested in the Year-Round Programme. Through proper presentation of well-planned socials and functions you can interest many in your organisation.

PROGRAMME FOR CONJOINT SERVICE TO BE HELD SUNDAY, MARCH 1st.

Topic: SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE.

Organ Prelude.

Song Service:

"Earth with her ten thousand flowers," p. 283.
"Glory to God on High," p. 113.
"O, Say what is Truth," p. 191.
"Abide with me," p. 180.

Invocation.

Scripture Reading:

Former M.I.A. theme from the 24th Psalm: "Who shall ascend to the hill of the Lord. . . ."

Presentation of the M.I.A. theme.

Talk: "An hour for worship" (10 minutes).

To be given by an M-Man who is capable of developing the idea of the function of worship in life, and showing its absolute necessity.

Vocal Duet: "Guide me to Thee."

Talk: "Incidents in Guidance," (7 minutes), Gleaner Girl.

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Instances of Divine guidance to Church Leaders in the regulation of Church affairs should be cited. Examples: Sending the first Missionaries to Europe; Organisation of the Auxiliaries; The Church Welfare Plan.

Talk: "Sources of Spiritual Guidance" (7 minutes), Gleaner Girl.

(a) The Voices of the Prophets. After brief introduction, read passages from the Scriptures which contain messages of guidance and counsel; e.g., Mark 8: 34-37; John 14: 15-19; Doc. and Cov. Section 4.
(b) Give a brief tribute to one of our living leaders whose counsel has been of great spiritual strength to you.

Musical Interlude: Instrumental or vocal.

Talk: "Sources of Spiritual Guidance" (7 minutes), M-Man.

(a) Education as an aid in Spiritual Guidance. Our spiritual living is limited to our intellectual capacity. It is our challenge to overcome ignorance. An enlightened mind is fertile soil for spiritual growth. Ignorance breeds superstitution in place of high spiritual insight.
(b) The sustaining power of prayer. Added to man's knowledge is his faith in God. Prayer is an instrument of our communion with Him. Through prayer we are refreshed in thought. Story or poem to illustrate.

Closing hymn: "Prayer is the Soul's sincere Desire."

TO M.I.A. LEADERS.

Make this programme the best you have ever presented. Use your best speakers, and show that your studies and discussion of Public Speaking has born fruit. We believe that by careful thought and proper preparation of these programmes, you will be able to convert more to become M.I.A. CONSCIOUS. Cultural Development is one of the aims of our great organisation, and this will show whether you are achieving our mutual ideals.

CARRY ON!

LET'S GO TO MUTUAL!

PRIMARY

Acting Supervisor: Edna Gardner

When I become a member of the Church, I become a builder;
I am responsible for building my house of character;
I must make the plans, furnish all materials, and do all the work;
I can only receive counsel and advice;
Into my house I must put the very best materials.

The bricks will be obedience, courage, truthfulness, honesty, work and self reliance.

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The shingles will be gratitude, kindness, courtesy, reverence, perseverance.

My foundation will be faith;
Through my windows will shine the light of love;
My door will lead to happiness;
My chimney will remind me to look heavenward in prayer;
My garden will be one of friendships;
When my house has stood for many years, I want it to look

2 like this — and not — like this 3

Being a Zion's boy will help me to build a better house.

7 The flag is the symbol of our country.

5 This is the symbol for Zion's boys and girls.

In olden times the shield was used as a means of protection. 4

My shield is courage to be pure in heart.
It says, "Have courage to do right and live purely."
The red stands for courage; the white for purity.

6 My strength is as the strength of ten,
because my heart is pure.

The numbers on the diagram are where pictures are to be pasted, as follows:

1. A picture of a lovely house; in colour if possible.
2 and 3. Contrasting pictures. The first of a well kept home which stood the test of time; the second, a warn house ready to fall in ruins.
4. A picture of an ancient warrior wearing a shield.
5. A picture of the Union Jack, or one of our flags.
6. A picture of Sir Galahad.
7. A picture of the Emblem; this could be crayoned in.

Each teacher should make a chart for display in the class and then, during the work period, help each child to make one of its own, explaining the points.

—From the Children's Friend.